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Mary: I recall that one of the potential sources, Porcino, of the PFOS was a criminal matter several years ago. Please send up a summary of that action and any other relevant information that I can share with Cos.

Thanks. Cecil
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EPA's Removal Program has been requested to assist the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) with elevated levels of perfluorinated (PFAS) substances detected in the public water supply of Blades, Sussex County, De.

The following information is provided for your situational awareness.

- On Scene Coordinator (OSC) Eduardo Rovira has coordinated with DNREC and the Town of Blades.
- Sampling for PFAS will begin today.
- We will be sampling and arranging analysis for the Town wells and supply.
- Samples are being sent to a private lab. We have asked for a 7 day turnaround time.
- We will assist in the collection of samples from Seaford's public supply and give the samples to DNREC.
- The OSC and Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC) will begin the outreach and request for access to private wells. We will start near the suspected source and Blades wells and then move outward. Anticipate collecting these samples either today, tomorrow, or Wednesday.

Other Activities

- The Town of Blades has been put on a water restriction notification.
- Water is still considered safe to use for everything except for consumption and cooking.

- National Guard assets are being utilized. Residents of the Town of Blades may pick up water provided by the DE National Guard at the Blades Fire Dept.
- DPH/DNREC public workshop planned for Tuesday night.

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